

THE 'Free Press' seems to have foxxed you all with our selection of the Past Wycombe Wanderers team that meets the Present team for the Tony Horseman and John Maskell Testimonial match on Monday night.

We asked you to select your 12 from 22 former players during the last nine years. Obviously this was no easy task with so many top players to choose from. From the marvellous total of just under 400 entries, no-one actually selected the same 12 as ourselves but nine entrants had only one mistake.

Those nine entries were put into a hat and the first one out was from K. Peters of 53, Kingston Road, High Wycombe. He wins a super radio-recorder, valued at £60. Second entry out of the hat came from A. J. Naylor of 97, Roberts Ride, Hazlemere, who wins a football autographed by the England and Finland teams. In third place was Andy Warboys of 1, Berkley Road, Knotty Green, Beaconsfield. He wins a stand season ticket at Wycombe Wanderers for next season.

The other entries with only one error came from Mr L. Pearce, 1, Park Drive, Skewen, Neath, W. Glamorgan; B. E. Owen, 35, High Street, Watlington; H. Turner, 32, Cressex Road, High Wycombe; L. Cole, 21, Parkfield Avenue, Amersham; J. Bloxham, 256, West Wycombe Road, High Wycombe; and C. Castle, 1, Suffield Road, High Wycombe.

There's not much doubt that the 'Free Press' selected team will cause a good deal of discussion and argument amongst Wanderers followers. We selected John Pratt as the goalkeeper, while many of you preferred Kevin O'Brien. This was a particularly difficult choice.

At right back we have Derek Gamblin which tallied with most entries, but the left back spot was a difficult one. Gary Hand, Ray Eaton, Roger Grant and Julian Lailey were all candidates, but we felt Gary made the great impression during his spell with the Blues.

The two central defenders almost picked themselves, John Delaney and Peter Suddaby. Two experienced defenders who will surely present the current team with a few problems on Monday!

Midfield was another difficult selection. We decided on Ted Powell, the current Wanderers manager for his experience and poise while Larry Pritchard is a must for any team. The third selection was between Terry Reardon and Mick Mellow. We plumped for Mick for his attacking flair while Terry seemed our ideal substitute.

The front three gave us a real problem. Viv Busby, Kenny Swain and Steve Perrin are all currently established in the Football League, but we felt that none of them was an out and out centre forward. Keith Searle was therefore our choice to wear the number nine shirt. Ken Swain also got our vote for his flair on the wing which left us with Viv Busby or Steve Perrin for the third forward position. Similar in style, the choice was difficult but we finally decided on Viv, who is now in the First Division with Norwich City.

Terry Reardon was made substitute for his ability in midfield and also in defence as he can also play in the back four when necessary.

Our three winners were very close to the 'Free Press' selection, winner K. Peters had Steve Perrin in his side for Keith Searle, while A. Naylor chose Kevin O'Brien as the goalkeeper instead of John Pratt. A. Warboys guessed the 12 correct players but had Terry Rearden playing in midfield and Ted Powell as substitute. The three winners will receive the prizes at a reception after the Testimonial.

Well, there it is. Our Wanderers Past 12, we feel sure will provide some superb entertainment for the spectators at Loakes Park on Monday. But we couldn't leave out some of the other players so there will be more substitutes on the night and everyone will get a game. Among the subs are Steve Perrin, Kevin O'Brien and Keith Blunt.